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Petersbourg, November 10.

M. Vishniakoff, formerly the Czarina's Resident at the Ottoman Porte, is gone to Constantinople with the Ratification of Peace, and M. Cagnioni is arrived at Moscow, where he is taken sick. It is said that General Biron is soon expected here, as also the Foot-Guards from the Ukraine.

Naples, Nov. 17, *N. S.* On the 6th Instant an Edict was published for establishing a Council of Commerce in this City: Eleven Persons are nominated Commissioners, and Sig. Finochietti has been sent with the necessary Instructions to the Levant, to settle Commerce between the Subjects of this Kingdom and those of the Porte. An Officer who is a Native of the Republick of Venice, having been sent from hence with a Commission to raise Recruits in that State, he has upon Discovery been imprisoned there; on Notice of which this Court has written very strongly to the Regents of that Republick, insisting on the immediate Release of the said Officer, and Satisfaction for the Affront offer'd to the King of Naples.

Leghorne, Nov. 20. On the 15th came to an Anchor here the Rest of the Merchant-Ships which were under the Convoy of his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Tyger. The Gertrude, a Dutch Merchant Ship, which some Days ago sailed from hence for Naples, was attack'd by a Catalan Privateer in the Channel of Piombino; the Master and Crew of the Dutch Ship were much beaten and abused, and compell'd by Force to furnish the Privateer with Powder, Cloth for Sails, and other Stores. On the 17th at Night we had a violent Storm in these Parts, by which 16 Vessels were cast away in this Port and on the Coast, among which are two British and one Dutch Ship.

Whitehall, December 4.

His Majesty has been pleased to constitute the Right Honourable William Earl of Essex, Captain of his Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, in the Room of William Duke of Manchester, deceased. And likewise to appoint the Right Honourable Thomas Viscount Weymouth, Keeper of his Park called Hyde-Park, in the County of Middlesex, in the Room of the said Earl of Essex.

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint the Right Honourable John Lord Hobart to be Lieutenant of and in the County of Norfolk, and of the City of Norwich and County of the same; and also Custos Rotulorum for the said County and City; in the Room of the Right Honourable Charles Viscount Townshend.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto Thomas Chamberlayne, Doctor in Divinity, and one of his Chaplains in Ordinary, the Place and Dignity of Dean of the Cathedral Church of Bristol, void by the Resignation of Dr. Samuel Creswicke, late Dean thereof.

Whitehall, November 27, 1739.

Whereas it has been represented to His Majesty, That the Body of John Davies, of Monmouth, Glazier, was on Wednesday the 14th *Instant November, discovered in the River Wye, near the said Town, and being taken up, several large Wounds appeared on his Head, from whence there is great Reason to believe, that he was murthered, and then thrown into the said River; and whereas the Body was viewed by the Coroner, and a Jury being summoned by him, they brought in their Verdict, that the Deceased was murthered by Persons unknown*